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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 30TH UNGA: DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO AFRICA AND  
MIDDLE EAST

1. MOFA IO AND TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR HAN BRIEFED  
POLCOUNS FEBRUARY 20 ON TENTATIVE ROK PLANS FOR HIGH-LEVEL  
MISSIONS TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.  
MISSIONS ARE BEING PLANNED AS PART OF SELECTIVE APPROACH  
AIMED AT GAINING SUPPORT FOR ROK ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA.

2. ACCORDING TO HAN, MOFA ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR POLITICAL  
AFFAIRS KIM CHONG-TAE WILL VISIT SEVERAL PERSIAN GULF  
STATES IN MARCH. ALSO BEGINNING IN MARCH, ROK MINISTER  
OF TRANSPORTATION CHOE KYONG-NOK WILL VISIT ROK SUPPORTERS  
IN AFRICA: LESOTHO, GAMBIA, CHAD, AND LIBERIA.

3. IN APRIL, MOFA PLANS TO SEND VICE FONMIN LHO (NO) SIN-YONG  
TO NIGER, DAHOMEY, GABON, MALAWI AND MAURITIUS, DESCRIBED  
AS "PROBLEM" COUNTRIES BY MOFA.

4. IN MAY, FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO PLANS VISITS TO MOROCCO,  
TUNISIA, IRAN, AND JORDAN. FOLLOWING MONTH, FONMIN  
TENTATIVELY WILL VISIT SENEGAL, LIBERIA, CAR, AND ZAIRE.

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5. COMMENT: THESE TENTATIVE PLANS APPEAR TO REPRESENT

MUCH MORE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED POLICY THAN IN PAST YEARS,  
WHEN ROK HAS SENT TRAVELING MISSIONS OUT TO BROAD GEOGRAPHIC  
AREA, WITH LITTLE REGARD FOR SPECIFIC LOBBYING NEEDS IN  
COUNTRIES COVERED AND WITH FEW DEMONSTRABLE RESULTS.  
TAILORED APPROACH IS MATCHED BY RECENT RE-SHUFFLE OF  
OVER FORTY MIDDLE-LEVEL DIPLOMATS DESIGNED TO BEEF UP  
ROK MISSIONS IN CERTAIN AFRICAN AND OTHER KEY COUNTRIES  
WHILE REDUCING SIZE OF MISSIONS IN MORE COMFORTABLE POSTS  
SUCH AS WASHINGTON. MOFA APPEARS TO BE PROCEEDING VERY  
DELIBERATELY AT THIS EARLY STAGE TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION  
IN 30TH UNGA.  
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